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ADDRESS OF THE EDITORS.

THE Editors of THE PISCATAQUA EVANGELICAL MAGAZINE preſent to their patrons and the public this firſt number of their ſecond volume, with their thanks and their beſt wiſhes. They feel themſelves under obligation to a generous and candid public, for that degree of countenance, which they have given to a ſpecies of publication, new among us, and of whoſe ſucceſs, when they commenced the work, they could form but very uncertain conjecture. Their obligations are ſtill higher to thoſe correſpondents, who have contributed their lucubrations to enrich the pages of the firſt volume. But to neither are they ſo high as they hope they will be in the ſeries of numbers, which their paſt patronage has encouraged them further to attempt. Various cauſes have conſpired, beſides thoſe that always attend a new publication, to limit and reſtrain the circulation of the firſt volume, to diſturb the punctuality of printing and delivering the ſucceſſive numbers, to render the paper leſs eligible, and the work leſs correct, than could have been wiſhed. But with all theſe inconveniences and deductions from the value of the work, we deem it but juſtice to ſay, that no pamphlet in circulation contains ſo much matter at ſo low a price. To remedy ſome of theſe inconveniences, and the better accommodate ſubſcribers in the interior parts of the State, the Editors have thought it adviſable to remove the printing of the Magazine from Portſmouth to Amherſt. We hope the teſt of experience will juſtify the correctneſs of their deciſion, and that the punctuality, with which the future numbers ſhall be forwarded to the ſubſcribers, and the ſimple neatneſs in which they ſhall appear, will more than compenſate the additional expenſe, that will ariſe to thoſe,

who are farther from the place of publication. That we are desirous to please an enlightened public, it would be folly to deny; but that our higher object is to instruct, quicken, and comfort, or to *please for good to edification*, the readers of our former numbers we flatter ourselves are fully convinced. A certain class of readers would doubtless be more pleased if the work wore a less serious aspect, or had a greater proportion of wit, humour and amusement; but this would hardly accord with the title of the work. Another class would be more pleased, probably, if the work embraced subjects of religious dispute, and exhibited more decidedly the complexion of party. But while persons of this taste may be abundantly gratified from other sources, we think it our duty to adhere strictly to our original plan, and to admit nothing, but what may afford nourishment and refreshment to the sincerely pious and devout, of whatever name or denomination.

In the review of our exertions and of the success of our endeavours, we have abundant reason to thank God, for his superintending influences and care, for the preservation of our lives, and various enjoyments. And the slightest recollection fills us with surprize at the rapid movements of time, which has so soon brought us to the beginning of another year. A few such periods, short as it has been, will bring days and years to an end with us all, and open to our view the solemn realities of the eternal world. Shall we not then do with our might, what our hands find to do? Shall we not watch the fleeting moments as they pass, and fill them up with useful action and reflection? And while with united affection we wish that the year commencing may be to our patrons and readers the most useful and happy of their lives, we ask their continued prayers, that success may attend our feeble, but well designed, efforts, to minister to their entertainment and edification.

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